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## Colts clip Raptors in rare Sunday softball action

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***Central joins South at state; Centennial finishes regional play today.***

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If anything else, the South High School softball team proved it could battle through adversity.

The Colts, with their bid to state at risk, beat Silver Creek 2-0 to claim the second seed at the Class 4A Region 5 tournament Sunday at City Park.

"The girls realized what was on the line and they just wanted it more (Sunday)," veteran South coach Rick Reyes said. "We played well as a team and (pitcher) Marilyn (Montoya) really shut them down."

Widefield claimed the top seed out of Region 5 by defeating Silver Creek (1-0) and South (10-2) in consecutive games Saturday. The state tournament is Friday and Saturday at Aurora Sports Park.

Central also qualified for state by placing second at the Region 1 tourney Saturday in Arvada. Centennial also still has a shot to make it to state. The Bulldogs face Cheyenne Mountain at 4 p.m. today in a Region 7 elimination game at Fountain-Fort Carson High. Centennial and Cheyenne Mountain were supposed to play Saturday at the Kennedy Ballfields in Denver, but that game was postponed Saturday because of rain. East, the second seed out of the South-Central League, saw its season come to an end when it posted a 1-2 record Saturday at the Region 4 tourney at Broomfield Industrial Park.

The Colorado High School Activities Association will seed the 16-team state tournament Tuesday morning.

The Colts were leading Silver Creek in the final elimination game 1-0 Saturday before the game was suspended because of the afternoon rainfall. The game resumed in the top of the second inning Sunday.

The Raptors had traffic on the bases in the second, third and fourth innings, but each time Montoya

rose to the challenge.

"I was worried about this game; it was do or die and for us it was just do," Montoya, a senior, said. "We just played well as a team and got the job done."

The Colts added an insurance run in the fifth inning, thanks to some strong play by Molly Thiebaut.

Thiebaut led off the frame with a double to the left-center field gap. When Devan Dome, South's next batter, hit a hard grounder to Silver Creek third baseman Symone Loomis-Dotson, Thiebaut took off immediately from second. Loomis-Dotson never even looked at Thiebaut and, when she threw to first base, Thiebaut raced home.

The Raptors tried to rally one last time when Perry Friedlandor led off the top of the seventh with a single. Ashley Eubanks and Brandi Landwehr each grounded out to second base and Makenzie Wergen popped out to South third baseman Sidney Bailey to end the game.

"It seemed like we had runners on base every inning and we just could bring them in," Silver Creek coach Ryan Beavers said. "Our batting average is 30 points to 40 points higher with runners in scoring position and that wasn't the case (Sunday)."

South 2, Silver Creek 0  
Class 4A Region 5